

William Penn House  
206 Delaware Street  
New Castle, Delaware

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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WILLIAM PENN HOUSE  
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: Harriet Sternberg, Reading, Pa.

Date of Erection: 1681 or before

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one half and cellar

Materials of Construction: Brick

Other Existing Records: New Castle on the Delaware; Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County; Conrad's History of the State of Delaware.

Additional Data: The William Penn House was a small dwelling of the primitive type with corner, winding staircase. This was added to at various times during the 18th Century (exact date unknown), and during the 19th Century, the front of the house was torn out and replaced by a new pressed brick facade. The character of the brickwork of the old portion on the sides, indicates not only age but the selective use of brick. Here were used the ones discarded as unsuitable for the street front, bats and overbaked or deformed product. This is common in many of the very old houses on Delaware Street. The woodwork and paneling of the oldest portion of the house which Penn is said to have occupied is simple and comparatively crude. Unfortunately the whole of the front was torn from this house and a modern facade of pressed brick added, so a photograph of this was not thought worthwhile. A rear view, the center being the oldest portion, is included.

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